

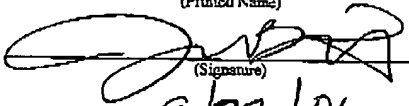
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 15, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the concurrently filed petition for extension of time and the payment of the prescribed fees, the response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

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